

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY RELIABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) project to rebuild and upgrade a portion of its transmission infrastructure in South Orange County. The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to announce that the CPUC's draft EIR is available for public review and comment.

## Project Description

The primary components of the proposed project would include:

- Rebuilding and upgrading the 138/12-kV 60-megavolt ampere (MVA) air-insulated Capistrano Substation as a 230/138/12-kV 700-MVA gas-insulated substation that would be named San Juan Capistrano Substation;
- Replacing a single-circuit 138-kV transmission line between the applicant's Talega and Capistrano substations with a new double-circuit 230-kV transmission line (approximately 7.8-miles long);
- Relocating several transmission line segments (approximately 1.8 miles, total) adjacent to Talega and Capistrano substations to accommodate the proposed Capistrano Substation expansion and new 230-kV line; and
- Relocating several 12-kV distribution lines segments (approximately 6 miles) into underground conduit and overhead on existing and new structures located between the Capistrano Substation and Prima Deshecha Landfill.

Construction of the proposed SOCRE project would take approximately 64 months. The proposed project would be constructed within the cities of San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente, unincorporated Orange County, and United States Marine Corps land in San Diego County

## Significant Adverse Environmental Impacts from the Proposed Project

Construction of the proposed project would result in significant impacts on air quality, transportation and traffic, and cumulative impacts. Impacts on air quality standards, cumulatively considerable net increase in criteria pollutants, and exposure of sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations would be significant and unavoidable during construction after the implementation of all feasible mitigation. The proposed project would result in maximum daily construction emissions of reactive organic gases (ROG), Particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns in diameter ( $PM_{10}$ ), and Particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 microns in diameter ( $PM_{2.5}$ ) that would exceed South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regional significance thresholds. Additionally, the proposed project would result in emissions of  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  during various substation and transmission line construction phases that are above the SCAQMD's local significance thresholds. The SCAQMD is currently in nonattainment for ozone,  $PM_{10}$ , and  $PM_{2.5}$ . Therefore, the proposed project's ozone,  $PM_{10}$ , and  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions would result in a cumulatively significant impact on ambient air quality during construction activities.

Temporary impacts from generated project traffic along Camino Capistrano in the City of San Juan Capistrano during partial road closures would result in an unacceptable level of service ratings. Additionally, full road closures along Camino Capistrano, Via Pamplona, and Calle San Diego in the City of San Juan Capistrano would be significant and unavoidable during construction after the implementation of all feasible mitigation. Additionally, the proposed project would

significantly contribute to a cumulative traffic impact along Camino Capistrano in the City of San Juan Capistrano during partial road closures.

Potentially significant impacts with regards to Aesthetics; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Public Services and Utilities; and Transportation and Traffic that would result from construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project were identified. With the implementation of mitigation and applicant proposed measures, impacts related to these resources would be less than significant.

No portion of the proposed project would be located on a hazardous materials site identified under Government Code Section 65962.5.

## **Draft EIR Information/ Public Review Period/ Public Meeting**

The Draft EIR is available on the internet at: <http://tinyurl.com/clsee4g>. Hardcopies of the Draft EIR are available at the following repositories:

- **San Juan Capistrano Regional Library:** 31495 El Camino Real San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (949) 493-1752
- **San Clemente Library:** 242 Avenida Del Mar San Clemente, CA 92672 (949) 492-3493

The CPUC will receive comments on the Draft EIR during a 45-day period starting February 23, 2015 and ending April 10, 2015. Written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted using any of the following methods:

**Email:** [SOCRE.CEQA@ene.com](mailto:SOCRE.CEQA@ene.com)  
**Fax:** 415-398-5326

**Mail:** California Public Utilities Commission  
**RE:** SOCRE Project  
c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.  
505 Sansome Street, Suite #300  
San Francisco, CA 94111

The CPUC will hold two public meetings on March 25, 2015 to explain the proposed project, discuss the proposed project's significant impacts, and receive comments on the Draft EIR from the public. Information regarding the public meetings are provided below:

March 25, 2015 1:00 to 3:00pm  
**San Clemente Community Center –  
Ole Hanson Fireside Room**  
100 N. Calle Seville  
San Clemente, CA 92672  
(949) 361-8264

March 25, 2015 6:00 to 8:00pm  
**San Juan Capistrano Community Hall**  
25925 Camino Del Avion  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
(949) 493-5911